

# STATEHOOD FIGHT MAY BE SETTLED

## Movement on Foot to Admit Four Territories as Two States.

### QUAY IS FOR OMNIBUS BILL

New Plan, However, is Likely to Meet With Favor From Senators Who Do Not Wish to Waste Time Over the Matter.

Washington special: The prospect that the conflict on the statehood question may consume nearly all the time of the session has moved the Republican leaders to renewed efforts toward a compromise. Talk about the senate indicated the possibility of a settlement on the basis of two states, one to be composed of Oklahoma and Indian Territory and the other of New Mexico and Arizona. The men who are conducting the fight for the omnibus bill and the committee measure respectively refused to consider the suggestion, but other senators, who want to clear the way for the consideration of other important legislation, seemed to regard it as a practicable means of bringing the debate to a close.

### Quay Criticizes.

When the statehood bill came up Mr. Beveridge had read a number of resolutions adopted at a recent convention in Oklahoma favoring single statehood with Indian Territory. Mr. Quay, who is leading the fight for the admission of Oklahoma, Arizona and New Mexico, criticized the resolutions, saying the people who adopted them had not acted intelligently because the single statehood bill had been withdrawn. He further charged that they did not represent the sentiment of a majority of the people of Oklahoma.

Mr. Beveridge answered that the observations of the committee which had visited Oklahoma convinced its members that a majority of the people of the territory favored single statehood.

Mr. Nelson of Minnesota continued, but did not conclude his remarks in opposition to the omnibus statehood bill.

### AID FOR PHILIPPINES.

Relief Appropriation of \$3,000,000 is Asked for Islands.

Washington special: The president submitted to congress the third annual report of the Philippine commission, with extensive appendices. Accompanying the President's letter of transmittal was a letter from Secretary Root, making a strong plea for immediate help by congress for the inhabitants of the archipelago. In endorsing Secretary Root's recommendations the President says:

"I call your special attention to the recommendations contained in this letter of the secretary of war. I most earnestly feel that the enactment of the measure already pending in your body for the betterment of the Philippine Islands is imperatively demanded by the situation in those islands and serious calamity may come from failure to enact them. Furthermore, I with equal earnestness ask your attention to the recommendation of the secretary of war in the accompanying letter and urge its adoption so that the sum of money therein specified may be appropriated for the uses and in the manner likewise specified, in order that the present distress in the islands may be remedied."

A relief appropriation of \$3,000,000 is asked. The secretary of war says that the Filipinos are more in need than were the Cubans, Porto Ricans or even the hurricane sufferers for whom money was given. The suffering and distress in the islands results from the destruction by ruderpest of 90 per cent of the caribous, the draft animals of the islands, and the consequent failure of the rice crop, followed by an epidemic of cholera.

### AMERICAN ARBITRATION.

Senate Committee Reports Bill to Settle Western Disputes.

Washington dispatch: The senate committee on foreign relations authorized Senator Lodge to report favorably the general international arbitration treaty recommended by the pan-American conference held at the City of Mexico last winter. The treaty is on the lines of The Hague treaty, but applies only to the republics of the western hemisphere. It provides a tribunal for settling disputes as to boundary lines and claims and also over other questions concerning which nations may differ.

During the executive session of the senate the report of the committee was submitted to the senate, but no action was taken.

In the bill there is a provision to resort to mediation in case of a conflict which promises to lead to war.

### Springfield Banker Dies.

Springfield, Ill., special: B. H. Ferguson, president of the Springfield Marine bank and one of Springfield's most prominent citizens, dropped dead in his office at the bank. Heart disease was the cause of his death.

### Rich Hunt by a Sneakthief.

New York special: While Alexander E. Cayce, a Danville, Va., tobacco exporter, was absent from his room in a fashionable boarding house here, a thief entered the apartments and stole \$1,500 worth of jewelry.

and in this connection the right to offer mediation is specifically set forth as follows: "The right to offer the good offices or mediation belongs to powers who are strangers to the conflict, even during the course of hostilities. The exercise of this right shall never be regarded by either of the contending parties as an unfriendly act."

A commission of inquiry is authorized in disagreements arising on questions of fact.

### ANTI-TRUST BILL.

House Judiciary Committee Favors the Littlefield Measure.

Washington dispatch: The House judiciary committee agreed to favorably report the bill introduced by Representative Littlefield to expedite suits pending or hereafter to be brought under the anti-trust law. A favorable report was authorized on the Senate bill increasing the salaries of justices of the Supreme Court and other judges of the United States, with certain amendments which reduce the salaries proposed for circuit judges to \$7,000 and district judges to \$6,000. A favorable report also was ordered on the Senate bill adding a judge to the eighth circuit.

As a result of extended consideration of the various pending anti-trust bills the subcommittee of the House judiciary committee, of which Representative Littlefield is chairman, has practically agreed on an anti-trust bill. It has not yet been adopted formally, but it is said to meet the approval of all members of the subcommittee. It will be laid before the full committee, when it is expected its features will be made public. It is understood that it provides for publicity, not through a new commission to be created, but through the interstate commerce commission. It is further understood that the bill covers the administration's suggestions for anti-trust legislation.

### MENACE TO CUBAN TREATY.

Louisiana Growers Now Lead Opposition to the Pact.

Washington dispatch: Cuban reciprocity prostrates one foe only to have new opposition arise. The action of the national sugar beet manufacturers in deciding that their industry could stand the proposed 20 per cent reduction in duty was encouraging to the friends of the bill, who felt that the greatest obstacle had been removed. They quickly discovered that a new factor is to enter the field, a dormant interest that has been content to remain in the background as long as others were bearing the brunt of the fight. Now the Louisiana cane growers promise to oppose the treaty, and the senators from that state are organizing their party colleagues under the cry that Cuban reciprocity means the death of cane sugar in this country.

### Financial Probe.

Washington special: Representative Morrell of Pennsylvania offered a joint resolution authorizing the president to appoint a commission, to consist of the secretary of the treasury, the comptroller of the currency and such others, number not stated, as the president may deem necessary, to investigate existing financial laws and to devise a financial system which will remedy whatever faults they may find in the existing system. The resolution provides for a report to congress at the next session.

### Trouble for Wilcox.

Washington special: Hawaii's delegate in congress, Robert W. Wilcox, is in trouble. A number of creditors have appealed to the courts here to secure the partial payment of his debts, seeking to tie up his mileage allowance.

### Battle Creek Site.

Washington dispatch: Assistant Secretary of the Treasury Taylor has selected as a site for the federal building at Battle Creek, Mich., the property at the corner of Main and Division streets. Price, \$18,500.

### Col. Hayes to Be Brigadier.

Washington special: The president has selected Col. Edward M. Hayes, Thirtieth infantry, for appointment as a brigadier general to succeed Gen. John A. Johnson.

### One Coaling Station.

Washington dispatch: The indications are that the United States will satisfy itself by claiming only one coaling station in Cuba, namely, at Guantanamo.

### Sunday School Clubhouse.

New York special: The clubhouse John D. Rockefeller, Jr., is to build for his Sunday school class of the Fifth Avenue Baptist church will cost \$350,000. The young millionaire has in view two or three desirable sites.

### Standard Oil Avoids Beaumont Field.

New York special: The Standard Oil Company authorizes the statement that it does not own or control any part of the producing territory of either the Beaumont oil field in Texas or the Jennings field in Louisiana.

## WASHINGTON'S NIECE DIES AT WAUKEGAN

Woman Who Claimed to Be Related to the First President is Found Dead in Her Home.

Waukegan, Ill., special: Mrs. Catherine Thompson, an aged woman who claimed to be a grandniece of George Washington, was found dead in her home. She had lived alone in the west part of the town and from indications had been dead a week when found. She was in poor circumstances and had recently received aid from the county. She had refused to go to the poor-house, saying that a niece of the first president of the United States would never be sent there.

It is not known what truth there is in the woman's claim of relationship, but those who have known her long have believed she came from a good family. Little definite information regarding her life has been learned.

### POWERS DEMAND A GUARANTEE

Offer to Treat With Venezuela on Payment of a Large Sum.

Berlin cable: That part of the joint reply of the powers to Venezuela suggesting a settlement without arbitration only goes so far as to offer to treat for a settlement out of court after the payment of cash or the giving of a sufficient guarantee for the payment of \$335,000 to each power. This reservation remains as the fixed and only condition to arbitrate or direct negotiations for a supplemental agreement. The German government would much prefer to close the matter by negotiations through Minister Bowen while the blockade continues than to withdraw the blockade and adjust the claims through The Hague arbitration court.

### GIRL PREFERS GOLD TO TITLE

Renounces Her Rights as Heiress to an Italian Nobleman.

Oakland, Cal., dispatch: With the possibility of becoming a countess and the heiress of an Italian nobleman, Miss Florence I. Bruton of Alameda, 18 years old, has bartered her inheritance rights for \$6,000 in American gold. The exchange took place in Superior Judge Ogden's court. Miss Bruton renounced her adoption by Countess Ruschli, wife of Henri Ruschli, an Italian nobleman, and the decree of adoption was annulled, the young woman having accepted the offer of compensation made by the count.

### SERIOUS RIOTS IN BARCELONA

Strike of Car Men in the Spanish City Causes Disturbances.

Barcelona, Spain, cable: The car men's strike for higher wages is resulting in serious collisions with the police. Revolvers were used in the streets, strikers threw petroleum on the premises of the Northern railroad, with the intention of setting fire to them, and hidden bombs were discovered near the city, leading to the belief that dynamiting was contemplated. The police have been largely re-enforced and special orders have been promulgated for the civil guard to be in readiness for action.

### THE LATEST MARKET REPORTS

Wheat.  
New York—No. 2 red, 75 1/2c.  
Chicago—No. 3 red, 71 1/2c.  
St. Louis—No. 2 red, 72c.  
Kansas City—No. 2 hard, 66 1/2c.  
Milwaukee—No. 1 northern, 75 1/2c.  
Minneapolis—No. 1 northern 73 1/2c.  
Corn.  
New York—No. 2, 58c.  
Chicago—No. 2, 45 1/2c.  
St. Louis—No. 2, 49c.  
Kansas City—No. 2 mixed, 37 1/2c.  
Peoria—No. 2, 39 1/2c.

Oats.  
New York—No. 2, 38 1/2c.  
Chicago—No. 2, 33 1/2c.  
St. Louis—No. 2, 33 1/2c.  
Kansas City—No. 2 white, 34c.  
Milwaukee—Standard, 32c.  
Cattle.  
Chicago—\$1.50@6.65.  
Kansas City—\$1.00@6.50.  
St. Louis—\$1.50@6.50.  
Buffalo—\$6.25@6.50.  
Omaha—\$2.00@6.00.

Hogs.  
Chicago—\$4.90@6.65.  
Kansas City—\$6.20@6.47 1/2c.  
St. Louis—\$6.25@6.60.  
Buffalo—\$4.55@6.50.  
Omaha—\$5.00@6.40.  
Sheep and Lambs.  
Chicago—\$3.00@6.65.  
Kansas City—\$2.00@6.00.  
St. Louis—\$1.50@6.25.  
Buffalo—\$1.75@6.65.  
Omaha—\$1.25@5.50.

### Hits at Wealth.

Washington special: Representative Griffith of Indiana introduced a bill to prohibit the accumulation of wealth. It proposes to condemn as a public nuisance and a public peril any man who possesses more than \$10,000,000, and to confiscate all of his property in excess of that amount, to be covered into the public treasury.

### Eminent Mason Dies.

Fargo, N. D., special: Richard S. Tyler, a prominent and wealthy citizen of this city, died from a stroke of apoplexy two weeks ago. He was president of the Commercial club and a Scottish Rite Mason.

### Death of Law Author.

El Paso, Tex., special: Judge C. N. Buckler, a lawyer of prominence and author of "Buckler's Civil and Criminal Digest of the Decisions of Texas," is dead here. He was 58 years old.

## ILLINOIS

STATE HAPPENINGS  
SPECIALLY TOLD  
BY OUR SPECIAL  
CORRESPONDENTS

## NEWS ITEMS

### THREE MEN VENT THEIR WRATH

Meet While Responding to a Matrimonial Advertisement.

Three men seeking the same young lady to make her their bride arrived in Mineral, being attracted to that city through a matrimonial advertisement. Henry Forbes, a ranchman of eastern Kansas, arrived first. He was followed by John Davis of Franklin county, Mo., and George Yost of western Iowa. They stopped at the same hotel and began comparing notes and discovered that they were all on the same mission, but they were dumfounded when they found that it was the same girl that each was seeking. The three men went together to the home of the woman, vented their wrath on her for unfaithfulness and departed, vowing that neither would have anything more to do with her. It has been stated that each of the prospective bridegrooms purchased her a silk wedding gown, gave her jewelry and some money. She is pretty, dashing, young and quite clever.

### RETAIL MERCHANTS TO MEET

Alton Making Preparations for Their Entertainment Feb. 16.

A meeting of the Alton retail merchants has been held for the purpose of making complete plans for entertainment of the delegates to the retail merchants' state convention, which will be convened in Alton Feb. 16 for a three-day session. The sessions of the convention will be held at Spalding auditorium, and the closing feature will be a banquet at Turner hall. A large number of delegates are expected to attend the convention of retail merchants.

### New Corporations.

The following corporations have been licensed by the secretary of state:

Farmers' grain, live stock and coal association of Deer Creek; to operate grain elevators, stock yards and coal and lumber yards; capital stock, \$3,000. Incorporators—J. C. Culbertson, Frank Field and Robert Lane. Illinois stationery company of Rockford certified to an increase of capital stock from \$2,500 to \$10,000.

The Fidelity loan and trust company of Pierre, S. D., was licensed to do business in Illinois; capital stock, \$250,000; capital stock in Illinois, \$2,400.

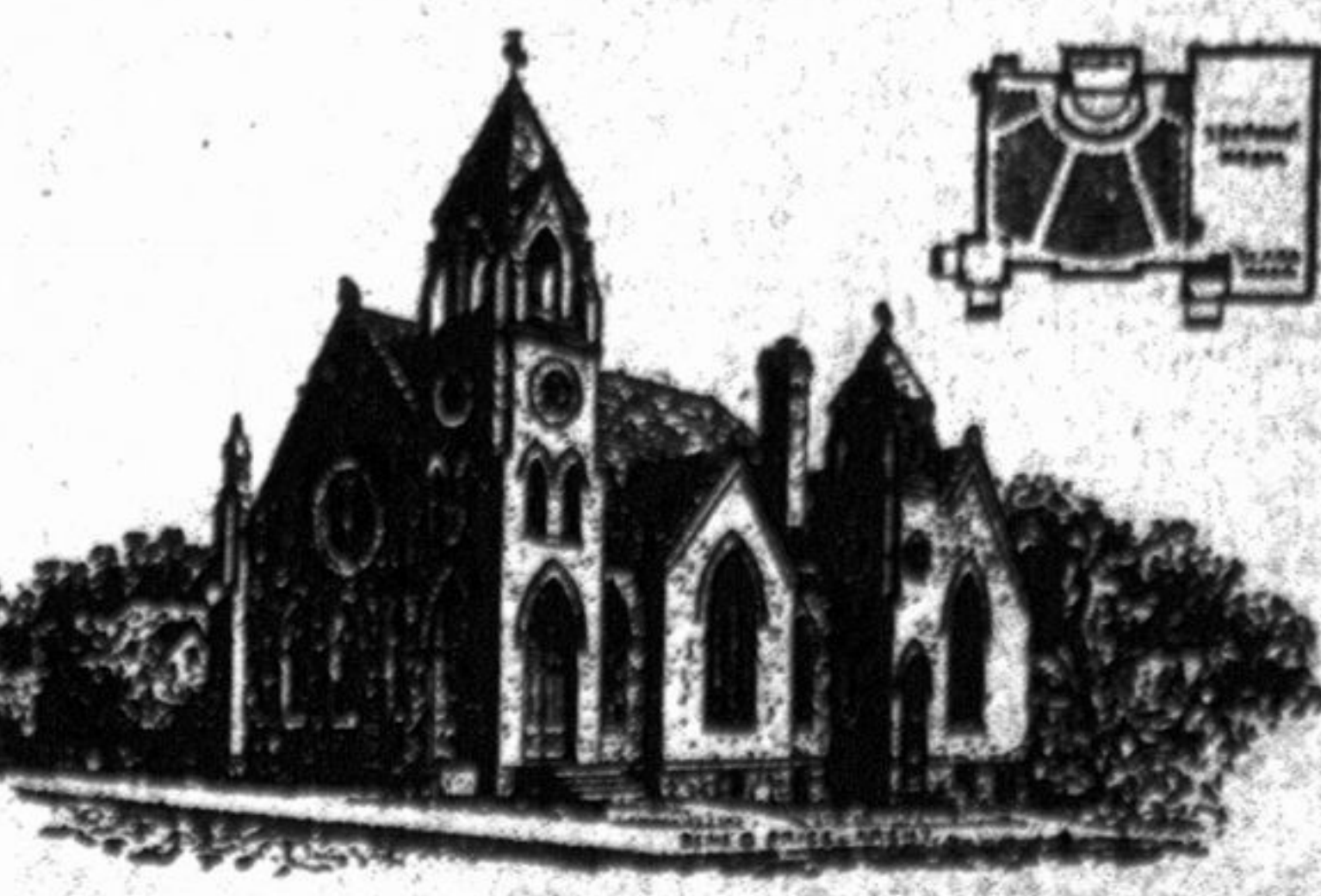
### Family Jar.

Fred Young, a youth of 18, has been arrested at Springfield, for assault with intent to kill. The charge is preferred by the boy's father. The father and mother had an altercation over the possession of some papers and the man, it is alleged, was rushing toward the woman to strike her when the boy fell him with a blow over the head with a small target rifle.

### Miners Are Injured.

William Johnson, a coal miner in the shaft at Athens, was probably fatally injured in the fall of a large quantity of slate from the roof of the room in which he was working. He was completely buried from sight by the mass. A companion named John Whitehurst was also caught by the slate and had one leg badly injured.

### UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH FOR EAST ST. LOUIS.



The East St. Louis United Presbyterian congregation, recently organized with Rev. C. M. Ritchie as pastor, will soon begin the erection of a handsome house of worship on Washington place. Those in charge are endeavoring to raise \$10,000, which is to be expended on the structure, as the congregation hopes to go into its new home free from debt. Subscriptions have been coming in at a gratifying rate, and announcement is made that the basement of the church will be ready for occupancy within a short time. Services will then be transferred there from the present location in the Arcade building. According to the plans accepted by the building committee, the Washington Place United Presbyterian church will have a seating capacity of 340, bowing floor, circular pews, art glass windows, furnace heating and lecture room attachment. It will be modern in every detail. At present the congregation has a progressive Sunday school, Christian Endeavor society and women's missionary society, all co-operating to raise the required building fund. The Sunday school now meets each Sabbath at 2 o'clock, and the regular services of the congregation, with preaching, follow at 3 p. m.

### To Dedicate a Church.

The date of the dedication of the new Methodist church in Maitoon has been set for the first Sunday in February. Bishop Fitzgerald will deliver the dedicatory address, and other prominent ministers of the church will be present to assist. The handsome new pipe organ will shortly be placed in the church, and an organ recital will be a feature of the dedication festivities. The church is one of the finest edifices in that part of the state and will cost \$45,000 when completed.

### STRIKE SIG VEIN OF PLUMBAGO

Prospectors Make a Valuable Find Near Harrisburg.

While prospecting for zinc and lead on the holdings of the Big Four zinc mining and prospecting company, eight miles south of Harrisburg, N. W. Ferguson struck a five-foot vein of the finest quality of plumbago used in the manufacture of lead pencils, stove polish, lubricants, etc. This is something unexpected in southern Illinois and is causing considerable excitement in Saline county. It is said there are only two other districts in the United States where plumbago is found.

### Fund for Logan Monument.

The pupils of the Murphysboro township high school will give an entertainment on Feb. 14, in commemoration of Gen. John A. Logan's birthday, which falls on the 9th. The proceeds of the entertainment are to go toward raising a fund to erect a Logan monument in Murphysboro. Gen. Logan was born and reared in Murphysboro and the old log cabin in which he was born still stands on Eighteenth street.

### New Oil and Gas Field.

T. B. Robinson, living in Saline City, about one mile northeast of Eldorado, has a well 32 feet deep, dug about one year ago, in which oil was recently discovered which analyzes about 20 per cent crude oil. An expert from the oil and gas fields of Kansas says the prospect for oil is better than he ever saw in Kansas at the same depth, and is of the opinion that oil and gas exist in paying quantities.

### High Price for Illinois Land.

The largest price ever paid for land in Saline county was paid at Harrisburg when John Davenport bought a thirty-five-acre tract of land one-half mile south of the city for the sum of \$6,500, or nearly \$186 an acre. Land ordinarily sells there at \$25 to \$40 an acre, but this land is known to be underlaid with an 8-foot vein of the finest coal mines, will sink a shaft on this property.

### Morsethief Detectives Elected.

The annual meeting of the Wood river horse thief detective society was held at East Alton, and the following officers were elected: Herbert Culp, president; William Wickenshauss, vice president; Charles Ferguson, secretary; Fred Penning, treasurer. This report of the secretary showed there was in the treasury over \$2,000.

### Mrs. Yates to Receive.

While the legislature is in session Mrs. Richard Yates will give a reception on Wednesday evening of each week for the members, their friends and politicians from over the state who may happen to be in the city. The hours will be from 8 to 11. Similar receptions were given two years ago, during the session of the last general assembly.

### Drowns in a Cistern.

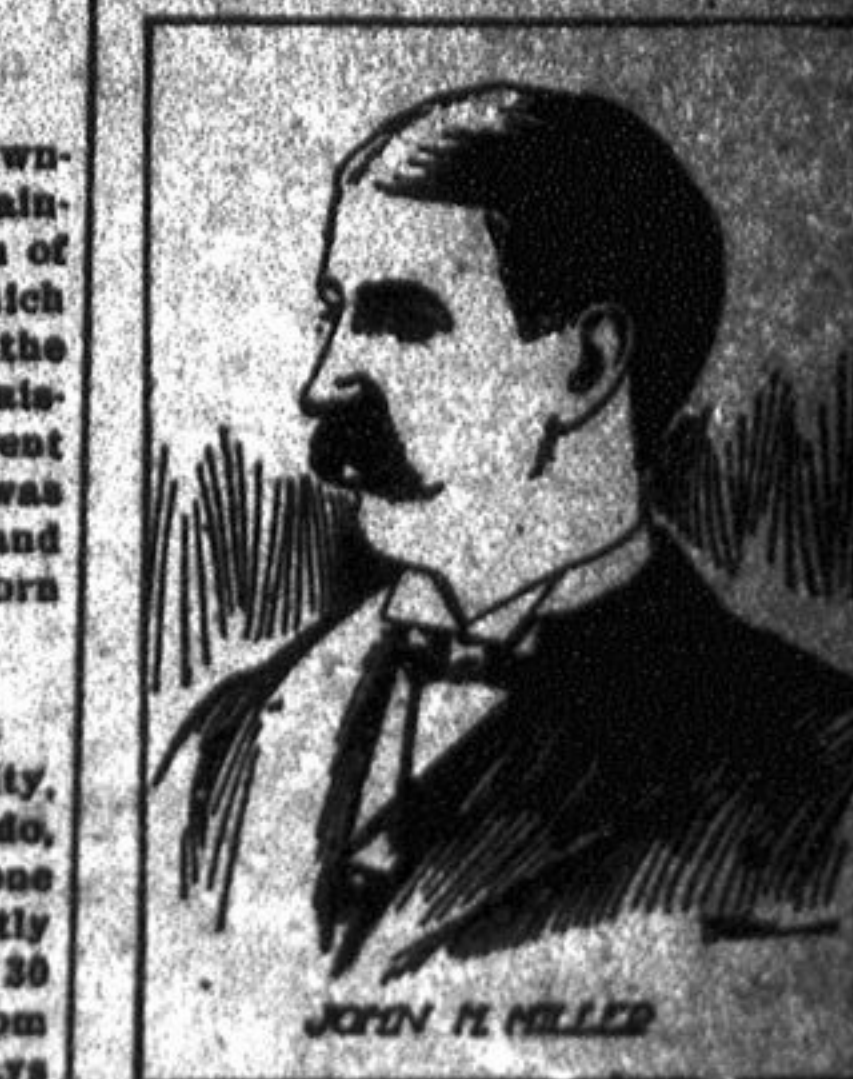
Belle Doolin, an aged and feeble-minded inmate of the Randolph county farm, committed suicide by drowning herself in a cistern, the covering of which she had removed. She was a member of a well-known family near Steelville and had been at the farm for about ten years.

### ASSEMBLY BEGINS ITS SESSION

Illinois Lawmakers Gather at Springfield and Elect Officers.

The forty-third general assembly of Illinois was opened Jan. 7. Secretary of State Rose called the 153 members of the house to order and Lieutenant Governor Northcott presided in the senate. After the members were sworn in organization was effected according to the programme laid down in the Republican caucus at both houses.

For the first time the members of the house were compelled to sign a



written pledge that they would not accept bribes before they were sworn in by a supreme court justice. The roll was called and the members came to the clerk's desk, where they were handed blank form of an affidavit that they will not sell their official votes. In the past the written pledges have been left on the desks of the members and they could sign or not as they pleased. Justice Carter administered the oath, and Temporary Speaker Shannahan took the gavel and the formal organization of the house began.

Representative Wilkinson of Chicago nominated Mr. Shannahan. The Democrats named Richard E. Burke of Chicago for temporary speaker. Mr. Shannahan won, and the regular Republican slate, headed by John E. Miller for speaker, went through by a party vote—88 to 65. James O. Wilson was the Democratic nominee for speaker.

Senator McKenzie was elected president pro tem by a party vote in the senate. Senator Stringer, the Democratic nominee, was placed in nomination by Senator Masham. The officers and employees named by the Republican caucus were elected.

Both houses met in joint session Jan. 8 to canvass the vote of state officers. Inasmuch as the new hands at the helm were unfamiliar with legislative procedure, the proceedings were rather choppy, but after ex-Speaker Curtis and Clerk Rivers took seats behind Speaker Miller and prompted him the programme was rendered more smoothly.

Senator A. C. Clark has the honor of introducing the first bill of the session. He put in two, both of which relate to Chicago. The more important of the measures provides that the various taxing bodies in Chicago pay their share of the cost of laying and collecting taxes. At present the county has to foot the entire bill.

Senator Clark's other bill offers a means whereby territory may be annexed to the Chicago sanitary district.

### Order of Pechontas.

Listed Mostly of East St. Louis, great keeper of Wampum, instituted Wecouas council, No. 12, Order of Pechontas, in Pana. Following are the officers: Mrs. Lillie Rayhill, Pechontas; Mrs. Rose Gordon, prostates; Mrs. Lulu Jolly, Wecouas; Alva Siler, Pochatan; Mrs. E. J. Weaver, keeper of records; Mrs. Anna Robinson keeper of wampum. The council has fifty members.

### Fire at Mine.

Mine No. 4 of the Madison coal company, located at Glen Carbon, was considerably damaged by fire, the total loss being estimated at \$5,000. The fire originated in the dwelling house of John Haynes, a miner, and spread to adjoining houses by reason of the high wind, several houses being totally consumed. The damage to the mine is about the top works.

### Compress Plant is Closed.

On account of the failure of the employer and employees to come to an agreement the plant of the Farmers' compress company in Pana has been closed indefinitely.

### Smallpox in Macon County.

The state board of health has discovered several cases of smallpox in Macon county. The patients number about a dozen, but the disease is in a mild form.

### Masonic School.

A school of instruction will be held under the auspices of the Masonic order in Flora Jan. 29, 30 and 31. The visiting delegates in the number of 206, will represent the whole eastern section of Illinois.

### New Weather Man.

W. G. Burns has arrived in Flora to take charge of the duties of the government climate service, succeeding H. B. Smith, who has gone to Phoenix.